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BIRTH.

On the 26th May, at No. 124, Yams, Kobe, the wife of S. REICH, of a son.

DEATH.

At Kobe, at 1 a.m. on the 19th May, ERICA JESSIE YOUNG (daughter of Annie and Robert YOUNG), aged 54 years, of heart failure, resulting from diphtheria.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

REUTER informed us a day or two ago that the United States Senate "has passed a resolution to recognise the Cuban insurgents as belligerents," and a telegram published in the *Diario de Manila* dated Madrid, May 18th states that "McKINLEY, the President of the United States, has asked for a credit to render aid to American citizens in Cuba." When President CLEVELAND in the spring of 1895 intimated in a Message that the United States might find it expedient to limit the time for the suppression of the rebellion in Cuba, great indignation was expressed in the Spanish capital, and when a little later some of the Democratic United States Senators urged Mr. CLEVELAND to recognise the insurgents as belligerents, a great hue and cry was raised throughout Spain, and in all Spanish possessions, special representations were made to the United States Government through his representative in Madrid, Ministers of State openly stated that it would be so difficult to avoid war with the United States should Uncle Sam extended belligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents that the questions at issue must in any case be submitted to arbitration, while Spanish patriots made known to the Government and the Press their intention to subscribe handsomely to a fund for the purchase of warships. Shortly after this crisis the news of the outbreak of a rebellion in the Philippines reached Madrid, and we heard no more of the "war with America." Now, however, the rising in the Philippines has been suppressed, and the news of the Spanish successes in Cavite must have reached the White House several days before the Senate adopted the resolution recognising the Cuban insurgents as belligerents. It is clear therefore that Mr. McKINLEY was not awaiting the development of events in the Far East before adopting a strong policy in respect of Cuba. The decision was arrived at with a full knowledge of the triumph of the Spanish arms in Cavite and the assurance that the Senate's action would be immediately followed by an outburst of the wildest indignation in Spain; that a war-cry would be raised and that the blood of the people once heated will be most difficult to cool down.

The McKINLEY Cabinet, we may be assured, has weighed the consequences of its policy. It has counted the costs and is prepared to stand by the consequences whatever they be. The United States has suffered through the failure of Spain to put down the rebellion in Cuba. It has shown great patience in the premises and cannot be blamed for endeavouring to get the Cuban difficulty settled promptly and permanently. But how is it to be settled? Is Mr. McKINLEY bent on going to war with Spain? Does he intend to offer virtual autonomy to the Cubans as the price of their assistance to pulverise the power of Spain? Does he hope to incorporate Cuba with the United States of America and so add another star to the flag? We think pretty evident that Mr. McKINLEY intends to suit actions to words, that he will have the Cuban question settled in his way before this year of grace draws to close, and that if necessary he will put American troops into the country, espouse the rebel cause, administer a sound thrashing to the Spaniards and impose on them terms of capitulation which will involve the complete surrender of all claims of sovereignty over the island. He knows the risks of invasion of the United States by Spain are infinitesimal, and we believe that beyond invading Cuba he has no desire to touch any other Spanish territory. On *us defendendo* grounds it appears to have some justification for action that may appear rather aggressive will cause much unhealthy excitement in Spain, and will be certain to greatly interest the leaders and instigators of the rebellion in the Philippines.

The action of the Senate must be approved by the President before it can take effect, but it is not to be assumed that the Senate would declare its intention in such an unequivocal manner unless it had reason to believe it would meet with approval, at the proper time, by the distinguished occupant of the White House. If annexation be the aim of the United States Government the indications are that it has bided its time just long enough before levelling a blow at Spanish power and prestige and that the Cubans will welcome the Americans with open arms, hailing them as their deliverers from misgovernment and very vexatious oppression.

REUTERS'S MESSAGES.

THE DERBY.
LONDON, May 31th.
Vesuvius is scratched for the Derby.
[*Vesuvius* is a bay colt, by *Royal Hampton-Pais*, owned by Sir F. Johnston.]

THE PORTE AND THE POWERS.
It is stated that the Porte has decided to prolong the armistice indefinitely, but has refused to even discuss relinquishing Thessaly. Other points are left to the arbitration of the Powers.

CRETE.
The Cretan insurgents are again active.

THE TRANSVAAL.
Dr. Leyds has been re-elected State Secretary.

RE-INFORCEMENTS FOR GIBALTAR.
The first battalion of the Grenadier Guards goes to Gibraltar in the autumn.

THE BRITISH MISSION TO AETHYSSINIA.
The British Mission has been splendidly received by King Menelik.

(From *Kobe Chronicle*.)
FORMOSA.
TOKIO, May 30th.
On the 17th inst. 13 fresh cases of bubonic plague occurred at Takao, one case at Keelung on the 18th and one case at Rokeo on the 19th. This has brought up the total from the beginning to 316.

TOKIO, May 17th.
General Nogai, the Governor-General of Formosa, having been convinced of the necessity for a re-organization of the army in the island and of the War Affairs Bureau, will be at Tokyo by the end of the present month for the purpose of conferring with the President of the General Army Staff Department and the Minister for War.

As an experiment a native army is to be organized in the island; 450 men will be enrolled to begin with, their ages ranging between 18 and 35. If the result is found satisfactory, the army will be extended to six battalions of native soldiers.

HIROSHIMA, May 17th.
Geodermes from Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Hiroshima, to relieve those now in Korea, embarked at Utsun yesterday.

SCARCITY OF CEMENT IN JAPAN.
TOKIO, May 17th.
The quotations for English and German cement at Yokohama have advanced to 6 yen per cask.

THE DUTY ON TEA IN AMERICA.
TOKIO, May 20th.
Telegrams received by two foreign firms at Yokohama last night state that the proprietors of duty on tea specified in the Bill which is now before the Senate are to cents, 5 cents and 3 cents.

The U.S. Consul-General at Yokohama, it is reported, has telegraphed to his Government pointing out the disadvantages of imposing 5 cents duty on tea.

A dispatch has been received by the Government stating that the Government of the United States has authorized the Japanese Consulate at Tacoma for examining teas imported there.

TOKIO, May 21st.
Two telegrams were received in Yokohama yesterday by foreign firms, one stating that it was proposed that the duty on tea should be enforced from June 1st; the other saying that the proposal to postpone the enforcement of the duty till August 1st appeared to have more support.

TOKIO AN "INFECTED CITY."
TOKIO, May 20th.
The Central Board of Health held a conference yesterday to consider an inquiry made by the Minister for the Imperial Household as to whether the city of Tokyo is considered to be infected by measles or not. The Board decided that it was.

ANOTHER CRUISER.
TOKIO, May 21st.
A telegram has been received at the Navy Department announcing that the *Tokugawa* second-class cruiser, ordered from England, launched on the 18th instant.

REBELLION IN BRAZIL.
TOKIO, May 21st.
A telegram has been received to-day at the Foreign Office, stating that there are signs of insurrection at Bahia, in the southern part of Brazil, and the Government is taking measures to suppress it.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE Australian mail is due on Monday.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$9.95 per H.M.S. *Plowre* is now on her way here via Shanghai.

MR. H. A. RAMSDEN has been appointed British Consul at Manila.

THE German mail is expected to arrive here Monday evening.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be held on Monday, 31st instant, at 3 p.m.

MR. FUJITA TOSHIRO, the Japanese Consul at Singapore, has been accredited to Java.

MR. DAVID F. ROBERTSON has been appointed Ship and Engineer Surveyor to Lloyd's Register at Nagasaki.

MR. R. W. MANFIELD, late of Swatow, engaged upon his duties of Consul and Assistant Consul at Shanghai on the 24th inst.

ONE of the men connected with the cigar case, 231, Queen's Road Central, who was "was in connection with a suspicious fire there on 21st inst. was smartly arrested at Canton yesterday by a Hongkong *lu-tung*. He was brought down here in the *Hankow* last night.

We would remind our readers that Mr. St. Spence will make his balloon ascent and chute descent at 5 p.m. to-morrow, rising from the gardens at Bay View Hotel. Mr. Spence has lately given some wonderful displays at Canton, landing cleverly from extraordinary heights.

THE British flagship, the "destroyer" *Hector*, the despatch-vessel *Alacrity*, the gunboat *Linnet* and the cruisers *Grafton* and *Radnor* are at Yokohama, the *Ipomoea*, *Plymouth* are at Singapore, the *Redoubt* at Shanghai, the *Tweed* at Samsoe (West River) and the *Princess* at Amoy.

to the Court of the Emperor Kwang-su.

MESSRS Saco Shungo and Kato Katsunaka have been elected respectively the Chairman and Deputy-Chairman of the Kobe Baristers' Association.

Mushrooms galore! "Little Pat": "Pa, isn't it always damp places that mushrooms grow?" Pa: "Yes." L. P.: "Is that the reason they look like umbrellas?" And then they sit down and ate many mushrooms.

THE P. & O. Company have contracted with Messrs Caird & Co., Greenock, for the construction of two steel twin-screw steamers, of 300 tons in length. The vessels will have moderate passenger accommodation.

THE British Empire League in Canada held its annual meeting in Ottawa on April 23th, when a resolution was adopted, on the motion of Sherris C. Tupper, urging the Canadian Government to consider with Mr. Chamberlain the best method of establishing a system of preferential trade within the Empire.

THE Tientsin-Peking Railway is reported to be now so far completed as to be only two or three miles from the Peking terminus outside the Yongting gate. The only trouble people travelling on the line have to complain of, is that there is little or no accommodation for travellers at the places where stations have been erected and much inconvenience results to those who have to wait for trains.

THE Tientsin Times notices that it is rumoured Shéog Tactai is likely to come North very shortly, in order to refute certain charges which are being made against him in Peking. I would seem just now as if Shéog's life is not quite a happy one. He is reported to have sailed after Dr. Ho Kai to Hongkong to come back and it is said the Dr. has replied something equivalent to "not for Joe!"

AMONG the items of naval news published in the Times is an announcement, dated 21st April, that "in accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of February 22nd, 1870, and July 16th, 1895, Commander J. C. Heugh, D.S.O., has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank at his own request." Commander Heugh was well known, and very popular, on the China Station as "Jack Heugh" of the *Rattler*.

THE earnings of the Asiatic Coast Navigation Company, of Hamburg, last year were 196,615 marks 51 pfennigs, and a dividend of 7 p. cent. is to be paid, the sum written off of depreciation amounting to 66,000 marks. One of the boats, the *Tas Yick*, was sold to Japanese owners last year at a little over the book value and two new 3,000-ton boats were ordered to be built by the Neptun Shipbuilding Company, Rostock.

AT a general parade of the garrison yesterday morning the detention of the Court Martial in the case of Corporal Freter, West Horse, was testified by Lieut.-Col. The O'Gorman, Adjutant General. The Sergeant was convicted of (1) taking a lady into a barrack in which the prisoner had authority, and (2) conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. The sentence was that he be reduced to the rank of corporal.

A CHINESEMAN was charged at the Magistrate's this morning with obtaining money by false pretences. On the 5th instant he met a man Yan-ma-ti and told him that he was the chief engineer of the waterworks. He said that (complainant) was just the man they wanted as there was a "cumsaw." He was given \$400 asked, on the pretence of making an agreement, took the man round to the Government Office, Saffron's Home and Harbor Officers and after entering each place that the men were before. He then disappeared and was arrested by police. Mr. Wodehouse said it was a cruel trick to extort money from persons who were trying to get work and sentenced the defendant to well-merited six months' hard labour.

THE Military Authorities have, after prolonged negotiations, purchased the Mount Austin Hotel from Messrs J. D. Humphreys and Sons for the sum of £30,000 sterling. The negotiations were conducted in Hongkong and not in England as had been rumoured. Mr. Hart Bos as the local head of the firm, carried through arrangements on behalf of the Hotel proprietors. The military authorities will probably take the land and buildings in September next, possibly an extension of time may be granted till the end of October. In his *Weekly Standard* Mr. Erich Georg to-day says:—"Hongkong Hotels sold at £47 10s 4d in the early part of the week, but at Thursday the rate jumped to 48s at which figure and at 47 1/2 (rate) transactions have taken place; this rise is caused by Mount Austin Hotel having been sold to Military Authorities for a sanatorium for troops."

REALLY this is too bad! Actually the 20th K and dot one typhoon reported; and not even "depression to the west of Luzon, in the Pacific Bay," usually by this time we've had lot of "copy" kindly supplied by the Spanish Consul conveying news of the whereabouts of typhoon that we might expect to pass dangerously near the Colony, but this year not one such note has come to hand. What our very own meteorologists at the Observatory think of it we do not imagine, but we sincerely hope they keep their powder dry so that when a "snort" comes along by and by. "Debatable" baby" be able to let us know all about it! It would well, too, be the typhoon signals overlaid the halyards put in apple-green order almost immediately if not sooner. We've had a carpenter hammering and tinkering away at our wind shutters and typhoon bars for days past and now prepared for the worst. But still the blessed whirlwind doesn't come and typhoon insurance business is probably down to a very low level. Really this is too aggravating. Xz—Bz—Bring the lyre and let us all join in singing—

Oh! where, and oh! where are the typhoons gone!
In whom, oh! where are they to be found?
With their whirling and whirling and swirling and
Oh! where, oh! where are they to be found?

day till next Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. Surg. Capt. Watson said that the life of the injured man was endangered for a time by their rough treatment, but now he was out of danger.

THE *Hong Kong News* states that Captain Miers has been telegraphed to in London to expedite by every possible means the formal taking over of the *Fujihara* and *Yashima-Kan*. The Government is fearful of trouble breaking out and an embargo being laid upon these battleships.

TRUS SPORT & Gossip.—"So the French gunboat *Comble* on Tuesday last was in collision with the *Wellington*. Myes, that reminds me of a little episode that occurred some years ago. I should have thought that our French friends would have specially avoided colliding again with *Wellington*."—For shame, "Day-break!" For shame!

It is a peculiar coincidence that the arson case last year, when two men were sentenced to 12 years each, concluded within a day of the same date as yesterday's case, and was one of the first disposed of by his lordship the Chief Justice. In connection with the first fire it may also be mentioned that the fire preceding it took place in the premises immediately adjoining.

A MAN named Yueng Ping and a woman named King Tat Hing were brought up on remand at the Magistracy to-day, the former charged with bringing a girl into the colony for immoral purposes and the latter for detaining her at a brothel. After the sergeant interpreter at the Charges Room had given evidence on the statements made by accused, they were committed for trial.

RE a police court paragraph on Thursday regarding a charge of disorderly behaviour against three Portuguese youths, one of the witnesses, Mr. J. D. A. Castro, writes emphatically denying that he deposed the defendants were drunk. We accept his statement, for he should know what he said, and we regret that our Police Court reporter should have misrepresented his statement. The defendants were not intoxicated and Mr. Castro never said they were.

In his *Share List* issued at noon to-day Mr. Erich Grogg writes:—"The attention of operators has been mostly attracted by mining stocks, in which a very considerable business has been done again during the week under review. Other stocks, with few exceptions, have been more or less quiet, but China Sugars, Hongkong H-tels and Cotton Mill shares have improved further. Rubis he quotes at \$15 for cash Panjams at \$4; for ordinaries, Charbonnages at \$100 and Olivers at \$34.

THE friends of Dr. Noble will regret to learn that he met with a serious accident on Wednesday last. In company with his assistant (Mr. Bowers) the doctor was driving a dog-cart along Shaokwan road, from Quarry Bay, and soon after starting the horse fell and grazed his knee. Dr. Noble held the reins, and was thrown violently up to the ground. He sustained a ugly wound on the nose, which was split open, and also a cut over the left eye. The wound bled freely but the doctor was able to get in his trap again to return to town with all possible speed. As the horse, with his broken knee, might have stumbled again at any moment there was a dangerous undertaking. Fortunately, however, Mr. Hart Buck, who was also driving along the road, met Dr. Noble's and at once brought him back to town. Dr. Noble's horse and dog-cart being left in charge of Mr. Bowers who was unhurt. Dr. Atkinson had Dr. Noble conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital where his nose was stitched and dressed and he was then conveyed to his home. Dr. Siedman is now attending the patient and notwithstanding the nasty injuries he is able to get about the house, although it will probably be some days before he goes to his office.

Scout and Gossip is always ready to say a good word for old China hands as they leave the Far East bound for "home, sweet home," and when it said about a very popular Shanghai hand on other day is well worthy of note. It is follows:—"The *Empress of Japan* took away quite a number of residents, amongst whom was Mr. R. F. Thornburn whose career in China commenced in the year 1846. To many of our younger generation Mr. Thornburn is hardly known, for he was ever of a retiring disposition but by the old hands he was greatly respected. Over 30 years in China he was a wonderful record and it recalls to my mind the fact that Mr. Thornburn was intimately acquainted in Shanghai in his earliest days with the gentleman who was responsible for my entry into this work and I trust that his hopes of renewing acquaintance in the old country in a few years may be accomplished. In the past Mr. Thornburn, the kindly old gentleman who regularly clockwork was to be seen each evening waiting on the Hankow Road and along the Bund in light suit of clothes, soft hat, and the inevitable sky-blue tie on his way to the Club, there read the home papers, afterwards returning his rooms in the Municipal buildings. Heaps of good wishes from Shanghai go with him.

FROM a gentleman who was in Hongkong at a time Mrs. Carew arrived there we learn, says *Box of Carols*, that the picnic season was taken by a convict in a British gaol is ended. When was admitted to Victoria gaol she was taken to the presence of the head gaoler and was placed against the wall in the yard, among the prisoners, and told to take off her hat. The tone of voice was not so dulcet as Adonis Kriebitz's, but he escorted her to her new home, so the lady murmured and she was then told to open her mouth "lady," but did not move. "Take your hat, I say," he spoke in angry tones, and off it came. "Take off your shoes," but after looking round for a chair or her amah she said "I have no chair to sit on," but in reply she was told "Take off your shoes" and before a grinning prisoner she raised one foot and then the other, removed her shoes and stood in her stocking feet. She was then placed in a room and her amah and then related in prison facts. What she thought "imprisonment for life" meant is hard to say, for she carried Hongkong's pet parrot and several trunks—first she had to leave on board the *Ancona*, but later she will not need for afternoon tea. For the first time she seemed to realize her position and lost that air of indifference she has so gracefully worn. A summer in Hongkong with punks and good drinks will give her a taste of what kind a place Hades is in winter!

CANTO, May 27th.

Various and manifold projects have been discussed and pondered over for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee here. The first was the erection of a "Bat," said somebody, "and what's the use of towers? The world is already too full of them—clock towers, leaning towers, Eiffel towers, towers of Babel and goodness knows what others, at which people stare and wonder at for a few days and then never care to look at or visit them again." Then there was the Hongkong Hospital wine scheme, in reference to which it was asked—"Why should we spend our hard-earned wealth upon Hongkong, which is rich enough and fertile, and needs no care of us?" No more serious organs for the jubilee had been thought of, until one day I heard that the new organ took to going to church to hear the new heaven what would become of the Sunday picnics and up-country trips. Finally, there was the scheme for the garden out of the waste land in front of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s house—a thing tangible; something to lay hold of, and touch and feel, and gaze upon and enjoy; something ever before us and which we could daily and proudly point to as "Our Jubilee" and of which our children might be proud. But even this was abandoned for a "Bat" or a tower. Our plans were abandoned for a "Bat" or a tower. Our plans were abandoned for a "bat-like us hope—to be placed in a conspicuous place on the Shamen where it will cheer the heart of all loyal and patriotic Britches. There is to be a garden party and the usual eating and drinking, fireworks and noise, which no respectable jubilee could possibly do without, and a telegram will be sent to the Queen.

To delay expenses a sum has been voted by the Municipal Council, and another by the city council. It is about £10,000, I understand. British ships alone in it. The "Bat" is to cost \$1,000; but methinks it's a pretty poor specimen will be obtained for this sum after paying all incidental expenses.

THE AUDIENCE QUESTION.

THE AUSTRIAN MINISTER SCORES.

The Peking correspondent of the *Cathay Gazette*, writing on the 16th inst., gives the following interesting particulars of the circumstances attending the audience granted to the Austro-Hungarian Minister, Baron de Calkann, by the "Son of Heaven"—Interest in the coming of the Russian Mission from the Tsar to the Dragon Court has for the moment been temporarily eclipsed by the advent of the Austrian plenipotentiary display and the signal success of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy. The new Minister, Baron de Calkann, has presented his credentials to the Chinese Emperor under circumstances which cannot but be regarded as satisfactory by all foreigners in China, and has in the manner of doing so set a valuable precedent to the other Peking diplomatists. There is no doubt that the new Austrian Embassy has made a tremendous impression in the devotees of the Tienanmen City and has given China a timely reminder of the fact that she is surrounded by the empires of Russia and other Embassies which must be well received in Peking in addition to that of Prince Uchomsky. The Austrian Mission in point of number exceeded any Embassy to Peking in recent years, and to provide for the 19 persons forming it, the scanty resources of that city in the way of improvised accommodation were taxed to their utmost. In the end the Ambassador, Baron de Calkann, with the Captain of the Austrian cruiser *Franz-Josef* and some of the leading ecclesiastics and naval officers who accompanied the Minister, were hospitably housed in the Spanish Legation, and I don't know where they would otherwise have found a place to lay their weary heads, as they were all quite unacquainted with the vicissitudes, annoyances and tricks of Celestial diplomatic methods, and were kept waiting for nearly a fortnight for the day of the audience to be fixed by the Taung Yamens. The latter in the first instance sought seemingly to inflict one of those slights with which the Chinese love to chastise the foreigner, and he ordered the Minister to wait "U.F.D." We do not know their way very well abroad. The call of the Minister to the Yamen was not returned for almost a fortnight! The Minister had in addition to his secretaries and the naval officers, a military guard of ten infantry, upon a great deal of trouble were put up in the Peking Hotel. And on the day of the audience the cavalcade, all in the glittering uniforms, left the Spanish Legation in no less than ten gayly caparisoned chairs, escorted by the bodyguards of Austrian troops, the procession being headed by the Imperial Guard of Honor, and followed by more of whom similarly brought up the tail of the procession. The passage of this unusually lengthy and imposing cavalcade attracted great deal of attention in the streets. The unusual sight of so many fully equipped foreign soldiers carrying shields marching along towards the Imperial City naturally somewhat disconcerted the natives. On arrival at the entrance gates of the place of audience, the sentinel guard appeared greatly alarmed at the sight of the arms and accoutrements of the Imperial Guard, and called to the Chinese refused to allow the Minister's escort to pass. Eventually a number of high Chinese officials headed by Prince Ching, the President of the Taung-Yamens appeared and negotiations re the passage of the escort of the Embassy were opened and continued for some time till the Austrian soldiers who as a great concession had been reluctantly allowed to pass the gate and halted just inside were finally marched a considerable distance further into the Imperial City. When they had passed the gate, Baron de Calkann threatened to return to the Spanish Legation without having his audience if his escort, which he insisted was part of his suite designed specially by his Emperor as a compliment to the Chinese Ruler, were not allowed to accompany him. It was only upon this threat that Prince Ching, who was greatly perplexed by the suddenly-born difficulty, consented to allow the escort to proceed to the Pavilion inside the precincts of the Forbidden City. The sight of so many armed foreign retainers in that secluded ground seemed very exercise and terrify the Chinese official who pleaded with the Baron that only persons specially permitted by the Emperor could cross the gates of the palace grounds. But when the Baron threatened to forego the audience altogether, after everything was prepared for it, and the Emperor ready to receive the Embassy, the fear of the consequences of any such *Zaus* plan was so much for the Emperor, that he gave audience to the audience itself of course we outsiders do not know, except that it was held in the usual place. Everyone now is looking forward to the arrival of the Special Russian Embassy which is known to be one fraught with far-reaching consequences, but in the meantime must be admitted that the Austrian Minister has scored a distinct success by his firmness in carrying a desert to the place of audience.

THE RUSSIAN ALSO SCORES.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Standard* writes on the 18th inst. on good authority that Prince Uchomsky is to be received within the Imperial Palace immediately after his arrival at Peking, and will be accorded another audience with the Emperor before he leaves Peking. The Prince will also have an audience with the Empress-Dowager. The Russian Mission is to be congratulated on having broken down some of the absurdly exclusive etiquette of the Imperial Court, whereby service was then rendered to foreign legations generally in China.

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